

**Department of Toxic Substances Control
Project Status Update
for
Wyle Laboratories Norco Facility Site
September 26, 2005**

SITE INVESTIGATION/CLEANUP

- On September 13, 2005 the City of Norco sampled the drinking water at each of the three schools nearest the Wyle site (Norco High School, Norco Intermediate School, and Norco Elementary School). Results showed no hazardous chemicals. The tests show that the drinking water does not contain any of the chemicals related to the Wyle site, including PCE (tetrachloroethene), TCE (trichloroethene), DCE (dichloroethene), vinyl chloride, or perchlorate. The samples were taken from the main service line and from a drinking fountain at each of the schools. The City did this sampling in response to the public's concern over the schools' drinking water. The water comes from the City of Norco wells and the Arlington Desalter, which are not near the Wyle site. Repeated testing has shown these wells to be free of contamination. However, some residents were concerned that contamination from the Wyle site may have intruded into the underground pipes that carry the water. This is not likely, due to the positive pressure inside the pipes carrying the water; however sampling was still done to confirm this. The recent sampling results show that this has not occurred.
- We have completed more indoor air and soil gas sampling at Norco High School. Last week the indoor air was tested in several classrooms, as well as soil gas near each of the buildings. Initial sampling done in July 2005 showed very low levels of TCE (trichloroethene) and PCE (tetrachloroethene) in the soil gas and in the air inside some of the classrooms; and low levels of vinyl chloride were detected in the air inside one classroom at Norco High School. These levels are so low that we have determined that they do not pose either an immediate or long-term significant health risk to teachers or students. The sampling last week was done in classrooms and other areas not tested in July. The additional sampling was done to ensure that the school remains safe. We expect results from this latest round of sampling within four weeks.
- We have reviewed and commented on plans for taking more groundwater and soil gas samples along Norco Intermediate School's southern boundary; along Temescal Avenue (between Third and Second Street); and along Norco High School's northern boundary. This testing is part of our ongoing effort to find the extent of offsite chemical contamination near Wyle's northwestern boundary.
- Ongoing Remedial Investigation activities:

Last week

Onsite:

- Conducted soil, soil gas, and grab ground water sampling of remaining borings in all areas.
- Completed drilling of corehole CH-6.

Offsite:

- Completed soil gas and indoor air sampling at Norco High School.
- Installed temporary soil gas probes at 771 and 781 Third Street.
- Installed permanent vapor probe at 955 Third Street.
- Collected grab groundwater sample at 932 Third Street.

Sampling planned for this week

Onsite:

- Conduct soil, soil gas, and grab groundwater sampling in remaining areas of the site.
- Install flute liner in corehole CH-6.
- Initiate drilling of corehole CH-7 and CH-8.

Offsite:

- Install groundwater monitoring well MW-22 at 2245 Hillside Avenue.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- On September 21, project manager Juan Osornio attended the Norco City Council meeting and briefed the Council on the status of the Wyle Labs investigation.